

256 CMR: BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

256 CMR 2.00: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section

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For the purpose of 256 CMR, the terms listed below have the following meanings:

AVMA means American Veterinary Medical Association.

Board means the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine of the Commonwealth.

Client means the owner of the pet receiving services by the Veterinarian. Client and Owner mean the same thing and are used interchangeable throughout all provisions of the 256 CMR 1.00 – 10.00.

Commonwealth means the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine (CAVM) means a heterogeneous group of preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic practices, that are not considered part of conventional medicine as practiced by most veterinarians and veterinary technicians. These therapies include but are not limited to, aromatherapy, Bach flower remedy therapy, energy therapy, low-energy proton therapy, magnetic field therapy, orthomolecular therapy, ozone therapy, veterinary acupuncture, veterinary acupressure, veterinary acupressure, veterinary homeopathy, veterinary manual or manipulative therapy (including osteopathy, chiropractic, and physical therapy), veterinary nutraceutical therapy, and veterinary phytotherapy.

DEA means the United States Drug Enforcement Administration

Dentistry the application or use of any instrument, device, or scaler to any portion of the animal's tooth, gum or any related tissue for the prevention, cure or relief of any wound, fracture, injury or disease of an animal's tooth, gum or related tissue; and preventive dental procedures including, but not limited to, the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque, stains or the smoothing, filing, scaling or polishing of tooth surfaces.

DPH means the Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Facilities

Emergency Service Facility means any veterinary facility that uses the title Emergency or any other terms of public notice to suggest it provides emergency services.

Full Service Facility means any veterinary facility that uses the title Hospital, Medical Center, or other terms of public notice, to suggest that it provides

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a complete range of standard veterinary services. Use of this title does not require all-night (24-hour) veterinary medical care.

First Aid is the emergency treatment administered to an injured or sick animal to assist breathing, control bleeding and reduce suffering before professional ~~medical~~ medical care is agreed to by a licensed veterinarian and the legal owner of, or duly authorized agent for, the animal.

International Veterinary Graduate means a graduate of a veterinary college or university recognized but not accredited or approved by the AVMA, approving authority or the Board.

LLC means any limited liability corporation created pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 156A.

LLP means any limited liability partnership created pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 108A.

NBEC means the National Board Examination Committee.

Supervision:

~~Direct Supervision means the active monitoring of the practice of veterinary medicine by a licensed veterinarian on the premises.~~

~~Immediate Supervision means the active oversight by a licensed veterinarian within close audible and visual range of the procedure being performed.~~

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Veterinarian:

Licensed Veterinarian means a veterinarian with a current license to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth.

Veterinary Specialist (Veterinary Diplomate) means a veterinarian currently certified by a ~~speciality~~ specialty board recognized by the AVMA or the Board.

Veterinarian-Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) exists when:

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- a) The Veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the patient and the client has agreed to follow the Veterinarian's instructions;
- b) The Veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the patient to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the patient. This means that the Veterinarians and/or his or her Veterinary Practice is acquainted with the keeping and care of the patient by virtue of a timely examination of the patient by the Veterinarian and/or his or her Veterinary Practice, or medically appropriate and timely visits by the Veterinarian and/or his or her Veterinary Practice to the operation where the patient is managed; and

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c) The Veterinarian is readily available for follow-up evaluation or has arranged for the following: veterinary emergency coverage, and continuing care and treatment.

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—The Veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the patient and the client has agreed to follow the Veterinarian's instructions;

—The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the patient to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the patient. This means that the veterinarians and/or his or her Veterinary Practice is acquainted with the keeping and care of the patient by virtue of a timely examination of the patient by the veterinarian and/or his or her Veterinary Practice, or medically appropriate and timely visits by the Veterinarian and/or his or her Veterinary Practice to the operation where the patient is managed; and

—The Veterinarian is readily available for follow up evaluation or has arranged for the following: veterinary emergency coverage, and continuing care and treatment.

—The VCPR shall extend to associate veterinarians within the same practice.

Veterinary Medical Director means the Veterinarian with a current license to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth who has been designated to be responsible for the operation of a Fixed Veterinary Premises in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth and the rules and regulations of the Board.

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(a) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) and the need for medical treatment, and the client has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian; and

(b) There is sufficient knowledge of the animal(s) by the veterinarian to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal(s). This means the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animals(s) by virtue of an examination of the animal(s) and/or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal(s) are kept; and

(c) The practicing veterinarian is readily available for follow up care in adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy.

Veterinary Medicine is when a person either directly or indirectly, diagnoses, makes a prognosis, treats, administers, prescribes, operates on, manipulates or applies any drug, biologic, or chemical or any apparatus or appliance for any disease, pain, deformity, defect,

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injury, wound or physical condition of any animal for the prevention of or to test the presence of any disease, or who cuts any tissue, muscle, organ or structure of any animal for the above described purposes or purpose or for the purpose of altering the natural condition of any animal or for any other purpose, cause or reason whatsoever or when a person holds herself or himself out as being able, available or legally authorized so to do. Veterinary Medicine shall not include the floating of teeth in horses by persons experienced in that practice. For the purposes of this section, "floating teeth" means using hand-held rasps to reduce or eliminate sharp or uneven edges on a horse's upper and lower molars to avoid injury to the tongue and cheeks and to improve chewing food, but does not include treating decay or tumors or extracting teeth or power-assisted filing or power-assisted floating, or other procedures that invade the soft tissue of the mouth. The use of controlled substances shall not be used except by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian, as provided by state and federal law.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

256 CMR 2.00: M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 54 and 54A.